

\$5,000 Reward To Be Offered For Girl's Slayer

Swann Urges Board of Estimate to Authorize Cash Offer to Help Solve the Hoxie Murder Mystery

Like Brooklyn Murders

Crime Resembles Killing of Two Women Year Ago; Pair of Suspects Freed

As a result of a conference in the office of District Attorney Swann yesterday held in an effort to coordinate all the forces of the city in hunting down the murderer of a seventeen-year-old Rehm Constancia Hoxie in her home at 72 West Eighty-ninth Street, it is expected that a reward of \$5,000 will be offered to-day for information leading to the capture of the criminal.

Two suspects questioned at Police Headquarters yesterday convinced the authorities that they were blameless and were later released.

It developed at the meeting in the District Attorney's office that the circumstances surrounding the present crime were identical almost in every respect with two others that took place in Brooklyn about a year ago, and it is the belief of the police that the same man committed the three.

Letter Brings Reward Offer

The suggestion of a reward was embodied in a letter sent yesterday by the District Attorney to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in which he asked that the Police Commissioner be authorized to offer \$5,000 for the apprehension of the murderer of Miss Hoxie.

Present at the conference were Captain Arthur Carey, head of the homicide bureau; Captain Thomas F. Walsh, head of the Fourth Detective District; Detectives Thomas Conklin and John A. Morrell, of the West 100th Street Station; Dr. Otto H. Schultz, medical assistant to the District Attorney; and District Attorney Alfred J. Talley, Benedict D. Dineen and John F. Devere.

In his letter to the Board of Estimate Mr. Swann said:

"In view of the unusual and atrocious character of the crime, I strongly recommend that the board appropriate \$5,000 to be offered as a reward for information that will lead to the conviction of the person guilty of the murder in accordance with section 305 of the Greater New York Charter.

"The circumstances justify immediate action because of the fact that every day that passes will make the work of the Police Department more difficult in apprehending the murderer."

It is believed the board will comply with the suggestion by taking a few minutes' time during its session on the transit problem to-day.

"This is one of the most heinous crimes ever committed in this country," said Mr. Swann, "and I shall offer every resource of this office to aid the police in finding the murderer."

It was recalled that the present case had all the earmarks of the murders of Marie Elizabeth Riddle and Mrs. May Sutherland, in Brooklyn, in January, 1919. In both these cases the victims had been struck on the head and no trace of any weapon left by the criminal. In each instance, too, it was pointed out that the left glove of the victim had been taken away.

The police, however, will not admit that any portion of the girl's clothing was taken by the Hoxie murderer. There is a strong belief, however, that the same man murdered the Hoxie girl.

Detectives will make a careful search to-day of tailor shops, haberdasheries and laundries in the neighborhood in the hope of picking up some clue, thinking it probable that the clothing of the murderer might have been spotted with blood and that he might have taken it to a tailor or laundry for cleaning.

Two Suspects Released

A man resembling the description given by tenants of a stranger seen ringing the bell of the Hoxie apartment about the time the crime was committed was taken to police headquarters, where he was questioned for two hours by Captain Arthur Carey. This man, according to Captain Carey, formerly roomed in the Hoxie home, leaving there three months ago. He returned about a month ago and left again after a stay of about two weeks.

He said he knew nothing of the murder and told the police he was at work all day Monday, the day of the crime. After checking up the man's statements Carey expressed the belief that he is not the man wanted. Another man questioned earlier in the day was also released.

The dead girl's stepmother is expected from New Orleans to-day. The body of Miss Hoxie is still being held at the Morgue. Later in the week, it was said, it will be taken to Hartford, Conn. for burial in the family plot there next to the girl's mother.

Policeman Kills Man Who Fires at Him Five Times

Patrolman Walton, of Jersey City, Slightly Wounded by Stranger's First Bullet; Think Assailant Crazy

A man not yet identified, shot five times last night at Patrolman James Walton, wounding him once slightly, and then was shot and killed by Walton, in front of the Seventh Street Police Station in Jersey City. The dead man was evidently a Pole. His actions indicated insanity.

Walton is an auto patrol driver and was explaining a mechanism of the station automobile to a Patrolman Daniel Sullivan, who was to relieve him for the night, when the stranger approached Walton and inquired: "What for the policeman stop me at the ferry?" What for the policeman stop me?

"Come right in and tell the lieutenant about it," said Walton, putting his hand on the stranger's shoulder.

The supposed Pole stepped backward, drew an automatic pistol from his hip pocket and fired. The bullet made a flesh wound in Walton's left leg above the knee. His assailant, backing away, pulled unsuccessfully on the trigger of the automatic for the second shot. The pistol jammed.

From his left hip pocket, the man then pulled a five-chambered "American" revolver, made at Worcester, Mass., and continued firing until Walton got his glove off and sent a bullet into the stranger's breast over the heart. Sullivan and reserves carried him into the station.

He was dead when an ambulance arrived. The body was taken to the morgue. A Polish newspaper was found in the dead man's pocket. One piece shows a picture of a review of Polish cavalry at Poznan and the other a picture of a typewriter made in Chicago.

The dead man was about thirty-five years old, five feet seven, smooth-faced and black haired. He wore a dark overcoat and suit, a dark soft hat and russet shoes. He had \$9.45 in his pocket. A nickel and five pennies were wrapped separately in pieces of paper.

Army Bill 'Joker' Repeals Limit on Peace Strength

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—In passing the army appropriation bill the Senate repealed the limitation of the national defense act, which fixed the peace-time strength of the army at approximately 170,000 officers and men. It developed to-day during a hearing before the House Military Committee, Secretary Baker said the repeal left the War Department free to recruit the army to 200,000 men, but added that "no one hopes to make that increase."

Representative Anthony, Republican of Kansas, declared the repeal had passed the Senate "unnoticed," and asked why the department supported the proposal. The secretary said Congress had provided pay for an army of 240,000 men until July and that to retain that force it was regarded wise to eliminate possible conflicting legislation.

Alexander and Palmer To Take Stump in Missouri

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Secretary Alexander and Attorney General Palmer left their desks to-day to take the stump in behalf of the candidacy of Captain Jacob H. Milligan, Democrat, who seeks election to Congress from Secretary Alexander's home district in Missouri.

Mr. Palmer will speak at Plattsburg, Mo., Friday, and Excelsior Springs, Mo., Saturday.

3 More Held in \$225,000 Army Robbery Plot

Seventeen Now Under Bail and Another Is Sought as New \$500,000 Scheme Is Found at the Base Here

\$30 Clerk Balked Thieves

Edward Kline Said to Have Resisted \$30,000 Bribe Offer by the Conspirators

Three more men were arrested yesterday in connection with the attempted theft Tuesday night of \$225,000 worth of army goods from the Army Supply Base in Brooklyn. This makes a total of seventeen men caught so far in the dragnet arranged by the government officials. They are seeking one more man.

The accused civilians, of which there were ten, were arraigned before Federal Commissioner McCabe and held under \$5,000 bail each for a further examination February 11. The seven army men implicated in the affair were taken to the army base guard-house, where they face courtmartial proceedings.

The three men arrested yesterday were Lawrence Puppulo, twenty-two years old, of 643 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, a checker, declared by government officials to have arranged for the disposal of the stolen property; Arthur Moagher, of Woodcliff, N. J., a truck dispatcher at the base, thirty years old, and Robert Aronson, a checker, of 630 Broadway, Brooklyn.

As a result of the investigation growing out of the attempted robbery, it was stated by the authorities that they were in the track of another plot at the base that would involve considerably more than \$500,000. They expect the present disclosures will frighten the scoundrels to cover.

It was learned that the exposure of the conspiracy to steal the government property came about through the resistance of a \$30 clerk in the shipping department at the base, to a \$30,000 bribe. While Major Joseph J. McConville, head of the base, declined to give out the name of this clerk, it is said to be Edward Kline, who has been detained as a material witness against the accused.

Permits for the removal of goods from the yard must be obtained from Shipping Superintendent Isidor Newman, Kline's superior. It is alleged that last Thursday one of the checkers arrested approached Kline and said: "Do you want to make \$30,000?" "Show it to me," Kline is said to have replied.

The checker then is alleged to have said: "No man ever got rich yet by being strictly honest. There's no danger in this. We've got influence behind us. All you've got to do is to get the permit for the shipment by five motor trucks to Camp Merritt of 20,000 shirts and 20,000 officers' riding gloves. We have forged the requisition and the colonel has passed it. There's \$30,000 in it for you if you get the permits for us to get out of the base."

Kline reported the plot to Newman, who took it up with Major McConville. Under the latter's instructions Kline and Newman went through with the whole affair, while the major arranged the trap for the scoundrels, resulting in their arrest by army base police inspectors and city police, as they were unloading the goods in a warehouse at 152 West 127th Street.

The army men arrested were all chauffeurs of the trucks, and it is the general belief that these men were not directly concerned in the plot, but were acting under instructions.

The prosecution of the civilian prisoners is in the hands of United States District Attorney Leroy W. Ross. Mr. Ross said yesterday that the men arrested profess to be ignorant of the plot to appropriate the government clothing. He says he knows the names of the men who were to have bought the goods, but that they would not be disclosed for the present. When the men were asked why they took the loads to the warehouse, they said that they were told to do so by a man they met at the West Forty-second Street ferry, who represented himself as coming from the army base. The authorities are looking for this man.

24 of the Largest TITLE GUARANTEE & TRUST CO

The Record and Guide under date of Jan. 30 of this year published a list of 31 real estate transactions during 1919, each involving \$2,500,000 and upward.

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'A Revolutionist, I Ask No Clemency,' Gitlow Tells Jury

Alleged Anarchist, in 'Declaration of Faith,' Says Life Is Devoted to Principles of His Belief

Benjamin Gitlow, former Socialist Assemblyman, on trial for criminal anarchy before Justice Weeks in the Criminal Courts Building, made a declaration of faith to the jury trying him yesterday. Referring to the manifesto of the Left Wing of the Socialist party, printed in "The Revolutionary Age" and on the basis of which he was indicted, Gitlow said:

"I wish you to realize that I believe in these principles. I will fight for these principles. My life is devoted to them. I ask no clemency. Regardless of your verdict, I maintain these principles are correct."

Justice Weeks permitted Gitlow to take the stand and address the jury, warning him that he had no right to make any statement not based on the evidence.

Last Move in Murder Case

It is believed that this will be the last move in one of the most extraordinary murder cases in the history of New York City, one which has its roots in the business jealousies aroused by the success of Barnett Baff, the "spooling king," and which had its beginning on Thanksgiving Eve, 1914, when Baff, summoned from his booth in the West Washington Market, was shot down from behind by two gunmen, who escaped in an automobile.

In February, 1916, there came the first clue to the solution of the mystery that surrounded the murder, when Frank Ferrara, who drove the murder car, Giuseppe Arichiello, who was alleged to have fired the fatal shots, were arrested and indicted. Arichiello pleaded guilty to the murder, and sentenced to the State Prison for ten years. In his part in the crime, both were convicted and received death sentences.

Three Firemen Injured; \$30,000 Factory Loss

District Is Plunged in Darkness When Electric Power Is Shut Off

Three firemen were injured last night in the three-alarm blaze that burned out the three-story factory at 2962 Park Avenue. For a time the district about the burning building was robbed of all electric lights. A cable that passed in front of the burning structure endangered the firemen, and the power was shut off until the blaze had been put out.

The men injured were directing a hose stream from a sixty-foot ladder that had been propped up against electric wires in front of the building. Those parted suddenly, throwing the men to the street. They were Joseph McShane, George Wise and Gustav Marks. All received bruises and minor lacerations.

Several Arrests Made

It was almost entirely because of "Cardinale's" testimony that early in January, 1917, Joseph Cohen, his brother Jacob, David Jacobs, Abraham Graff and Moses Rosenstain, all former business rivals of Baff, were arrested charged with the conspiracy of murder. Of these, Rosenstain turned state's evidence and pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

The trial centered largely around the testimony of Cardinale, and brought to light a conspiracy against the life of Baff that had existed for more than a year before he had been shot down and that had failed of fruition in several attempts previous to Thanksgiving Eve, 1914. On July 27, 1917, Joseph Cohen was convicted of murder in the first degree, and Abraham Graff, who gave the signal for the fatal shots, was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree. Jacob Cohen and David Jacobs were acquitted. Joseph Cohen later received a death sentence and Graff from ten to twenty years.

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The final chapter in the long story of the Baff case was written yesterday, when Joseph Cohen and Frank Ferrara were saved from the electric chair by Governor Smith, who commuted their death sentences to life imprisonment. Both men were convicted of the murder of Barnett Baff, the West Washington Market poultry dealer, Ferrara in April, 1916, and Cohen in July, 1917. Ferrara had received thirteen respites of his death sentence and Cohen seven in one of the longest drawn out legal battles in the history of New York.

Ferrara's sentence was commuted by Governor Smith on the recommendation of Attorney General Newton, who said that Ferrara had rendered service to the state. In the case of Cohen the Governor acted on the recommendation of Judge McIntyre and from a consideration of the fact that the Court of Appeals had been unanimous in affirming the conviction of the central figure in the case. In announcing the commutation of the sentence of Cohen Governor Smith explained that he had no doubt of the guilt of Cohen, but that he believed the ends of justice would be served by life imprisonment of the convicted man.

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Shooting of Poultry Man Was Result of Plot; Many Convictions for Crime

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Want Race Track in Bronx Road Drivers' Association to Place Project Before Official

New York decided last night at a meeting at the Hotel McAlpin to make a last stand for the horse in Van Cortlandt Park. A committee was appointed to take up with the Park Commissioner of the Bronx a project to build a half-mile track at Van Cortlandt Park at which amateur races could be held.

Sun Dial Wins First Honors

Mrs. G. A. Anderson Rides Champion at Brooklyn Show

Mrs. C. F. Hubbs's Sun Dial was declared the best horse last night at the Brooklyn Riding and Driving Club's horse show for members. Sun Dial was ridden by Mrs. G. A. Anderson and won the championship honors over the other horses entered. Mrs. Anderson, who is a member of the club, owned and ridden by Mrs. James Hewlett. Each horse previously had won two events.

About 1,000 persons attended the show. There were eleven events and more than fifty horses were entered. Mrs. John Gerken judged all the events.

500 Honor Dan Beard At Birthday Dinner

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More than 500 men, prominent in finance, art, literature and other walks of life, gathered at a dinner at the Hotel Commodore last night and paid tribute to Daniel Cortez Beard, known affectionately throughout this country as Dan Beard, on his seventieth birthday anniversary. Many organizations, among them the Boy Scouts of America and the Camp Fire Club of America, were represented at the dinner and claimed Dan Beard, author, artist, naturalist and guide of youth, as their own. Particularly insistent in the claim on behalf of his organization was Colin H. Livingstone, president of the Boy Scouts of America. Charles Dana Gibson was toastmaster.

A striking feature of the dinner was the appearance in the room of "the spirit of Daniel Boone," who presented Mrs. Beard with a bag containing 2,000 gold nuggets "from the Ozark mountains." "The spirit of Daniel Boone," represented by Dr. Joseph Root, of Hartford, Conn., also presented Mrs. Beard with Boone's rifle.

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